

REMARKS

Claims 10-12, 14, and 23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-9, and 15-22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates The Office Action's allowance of claims 10-12, 14, and 23.

II. Canceled Claims 1, 3-9, and 15-22

Claims 1, 3-9, and 15-22 are hereby canceled. Thus, this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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